

V. (XLYIII.)

The *RisJii* is the same, hut the Hymn is addressed
to USHAS, the
personified dawn, or Aurora: the metre is the
same as in the
preceding.

Vargain. 1. USHAS, daughter of heaven, dawn
upon us
with riches: diffuser of light, dawn upon
us with
abundant food : bountiful goddess, dawn
upon us
with wealth (of cattle).

2. Abounding with horses, abounding
with kine,
bestowers of every sort of wealth/¹ (the divinities
of
morning) are possessed of- much that is
necessary
for the habitations (of men). USHAS, speak to
me
kind words: send us the affluence of the
wealthy.

3. The divine USHAS has dwelt (in
heaven, of
old). May she dawn to-day, the exeitress of
chariots
which are harnessed at her coming; as those
who
are desirous of wealth (send ships) to sea.^b

4. USHAS, at thy comings wise men
turn their
minds to benefactions. Of these men
the most
wise KANWA proclaims the fame.

^a These three epithets are, all, in the feminine
plural, without a
substantive: *a&wdvatih*, *gomatili*, *viswasuvidah*: the
Scholiast sup-
plies, therefore, *uskodevatdk*, the divinities of
dawn, as if there
were many. Bosen supplies *horce m&tutin<&*.

^b The text is *Samu&re na sravasyavak*, Like those
desirous of
wealth for sea: the commentary supplies "send
ships." In the
beginning of the stanza, we have only *Uvdsoshdh*,
which the
Scholiast explains, *purd nivdsam aJcarot_y* she has
made a dwelling,
formerly, *\$.&, pralMtam kritavat'ij* she produced
the dawn.